TRAVANCORE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

SECOND COUNCIL.

SECOND SESSION OF 1102.

(OFFICIAL REPORT.)

Thursday, the 11th August 1927/26th Karkatakam 1102.

The Council met in the Victoria Jubilee Town Hall at eleven thirty-four of the clock, M. E. Watts Esquire, B. A., Barrister-at-law, Dewan, presiding. All the members except Mr. K. C. Mammen Mappillai were present.

ELECTIONS TO THE FINANCE COMMITTEE AND THE UNEMPLOYMENT COMMITTEE.

PRESIDENT : The result of the election held last evening under the presidency of the Deputy President was that the following members were elected to serve on the Finance Committee for 1103 viz., Mr. P. K. Narayana Pillai, Mr. K. Madhavan Pillai, and Mr. S. Piraviperumal Pillai, and on the Unemployment Committee, Mr. K. P. Nilakanta Pillai.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

Particulars re Reports of the Press Committee, Salaries Committee, etc.

149. **MR. S. PIRAVIPERUMAL PILLAI** (*Commerce and Industry, South*) :

(1) Will the Government be pleased to furnish a statement with regard to the reports of the Press Committee, the Salaries Committee, the Workshops Committee and the Excise Committee, containing information on the following points :—

(*a*) the number of copies printed ;

(*b*) the dates on which they were printed ; and

(*c*) the names of the individuals to whom they were supplied and the number of copies supplied to each individual ?

(2) Will they be pleased to state why the reports are not made available for the use of the members of this Council ?

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MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*):

Name of Report.	*No. of copies printed.*	*Date on which printed.*
(1) (*a*) & (*b*) Report of the Press Committee	230	In 1100 M. E.
,, Salaries Committee	128	3rd November 1921.
,, Workshops Committee	300	20th November 1926.
,, Excise Committee	150	January 1925.

(*c*) *Report of the Press Committee*—Copies were distributed to the several Heads of Departments, the several sections of the Secretariat and Account Office.

Report of the Salaries Committee—The members of the committee and the Heads of Departments were supplied with a copy each.

Report of the Workshops Committee—All the Heads of Departments and institutions have been furnished with a copy each, as also the members who constituted the Committee.

Report of the Excise Committee—Some copies were distributed among the officers of the Secretariat and the Excise Department. Certain demands from outside the State were also met.

(2) *Report of the Press Committee*—The question was not considered at the time the copies were received. Copies of the Report have now been laid on the table.

Report of the Salaries Committee—The Reformed Legislative Council was not in existence when the report was printed.

Report of the Workshops Committee—There was no special reason. Copies of the Report have now been laid on the table.

Report of the Excise Committee—The report was published in the *Government Gazette* dated the 24th March 1925 for public criticism. As copies of the *Gazette* are issued free to the Legislative Council members and the newspapers entitled to Editors' Table privileges, no separate distribution was considered necessary.

Special Allowance to the President of the Trivandrum Municipal Council.

150. **MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI** (*Chirayinkil*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether the Municipal Council, Trivandrum, has objected to the grant by the Government of a special allowance of 20 per cent. of the substantive pay to the present President of the Municipal Council; and

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